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The Smallholders Party has been moved from its headquarters on Semmelweiss Street to make room for the Soviet-Hungarian Association. Only a few members of the once-large party remained at this location to carry out administrative duties. The party moved to one of the smaller villas on Benczur Street through the courtesy of its owner, Miklos Magyar.

At present, the administrative officers of the party are Sandor Barcs, Laszlo Pesta, and Jozsef Bognar, who are under the control of the Communist Party. The government reduced the party's subsidy from 80,000 forints per month in 1948 to 50,000 forints. Of the once-numerous party provincial newspapers, only five remained, and of these, the Misolc, Kaposvar, and Csongrad papers have also been discontinued, leaving the party with only the Szeged and Debrecen papers in circulation, beside the Budapest Kis Ujsag.

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Brig Gen Istvan Szabo has been playing an increasingly important part in the Ministry of National Defense. He directs the training of youths not in military service and is the chief superintendent of national defense stores. It had been rumored that General Szabo was a Muscovite and had not lived formerly in Hungary.

Reliable sources have now revealed that he was a colleague of Maj Gen Gabor Peter, that he began his career as a tailor's apprentice and later joined the Communist Party. By way of recognition for his activities in the party he attained the rank of a Communist general shortly after he donned uniform.

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